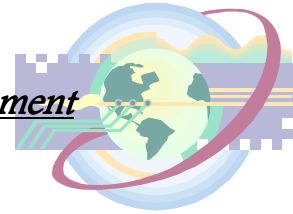


Citizens Committee on U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement



Mission:

1. Encourage citizens to be a part of the solution
2. Encourage City staff and citizens to conserve current resources
3. Work with the City Council to implement ideas
4. Effectively address the future impacts of climate change

Committee Members:

Members: Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Wayne Grotheer, Hank Landau

City Staff: Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Rob Chave, Jen Machuga, Jim Stevens, Linda Carl

Meeting Agenda

June 11, 2008

1. Update on comprehensive plan and code rewrite activities	Rob & Jen
2. Miscellaneous	All
3. Next month's meeting date – Thursday, July 3	

Meeting Notes

May 8, 2008

1. PCC Natural Markets

Diana Crane, Communications Manager, has just been given the title of Director of Sustainability with PCC. She began her PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the company: it was founded in 1953 and has eight locations in the Puget Sound area; there are 760 full and part-time employees, and PCC is a certified organic retailer. They have a “triple bottom line,” which includes 1) economic viability, 2) social responsibility, and 3) environmental stewardship. PCC is the first grocery store to receive the LEED gold certification. Now they’re working toward LEED platinum at the new Edmonds store.

Trudy Bialic, Director of Public Affairs/Editor, is an Edmonds citizen. She indicated that the store is scheduled to open in mid August. In her presentation she talked about local, sustainable products and that the best way to transport products (in regards to energy efficiency) is via boat (then rail, truck, and air—in that order). PCC supports local farmers and producers and is part of the Farmland Trust. They are the first retailer in the country to sign onto the campaign for safe cosmetics, their meat department uses humane standards, their deli uses organic ingredients, and their produce department is over 90% organic. Their seafood department is part of the Seafood Watch Program, and the Edmonds store will have a full-service fresh seafood bar. Trudy mentioned that she would like the Edmonds waterfront to be a salmon-safe area, and she provided a handout on the subject.

At this point they have not calculated their carbon footprint; however, they have a sustainability matrix that addresses 76 specific points. They are in the process of developing clear sustainability goals.

2. Update on comprehensive plan and code rewrite activities

Rob distributed an article from Forbes.com regarding “virtual traffic,” in which the columnist talks about the virtual workplace trend—more and more people working from home—and its

impact on traffic patterns. The conclusion is that more people will be working at home and therefore commuting on the freeways less, but at this point, traffic engineers and government officials are not yet taking this trend into account in future planning.

The Planning Board is having a retreat in three weeks; Rob will provide a comp-plan package. Staff would like to get away from traditional one-size-fits-all zoning and moved toward form-based codes. (Rob provided a handout regarding the advantages of form-based codes.) He will talk more about this subject at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous

Hank gave a wrap-up of the presentation last month at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon in which the Mayor, Steve B., Wes and Hank gave an update on this committee and encouraged the business community to get involved.

David K (Green for Good) indicated that the “green Edmonds fair” will be held on Saturday, September 13 at the Frances Anderson Center.

Janice F. indicated that Sustainable Edmonds met last night. She wondered if the July 4 parade could possibly be carbon neutral, such as having the firefighters walk instead of driving the fire engines. (The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the July 4 event.)

Rob reported that the City Council approved the sustainable and environmental policies.

Sally indicated that the discovery program is in full swing, and that Bird Fest will be on Saturday, September 13, in collaboration with the green Edmonds fair. She is currently working on the Edmonds wildlife backyard habitat community.

Wes recommended “Yes” magazine, which has lots of good information, and the book “Earth, The Sequel.” He distributed copies of “ECONeWS,” with an article on “Sounding the Climate Alarm Bell.” The article states that CO₂ is now rising at three percent per year, which is twice the rate of growth in the 1990s.

Bob F. said that Sustainable Edmonds will meet again on May 21 and on June 26. The May meeting will be about green and chemical-free gardening, and the June meeting will have a speaker from PCC who will talk about LEED certification. They meet at the Port at 7 p.m.

Jim signed up to get LEED-EB (existing buildings) certified; however, the classes have been postponed as they await completion of the new LEED-EB:O&M (operations & maintenance) standard. The rationale is that the change represents a major revision to the existing standard that was originally going to be taught.